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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General John A. Samford
Director of Intelligence, USAF

Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe
Director of Naval Intelligence

Major General Arthur G. Trudeau
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, USA

SUBJECT: Agreed Activities

1. In General Samford's memorandum to me of 13 May 1954 on this subject, he stated his strong feeling that the members of the Joint Intelligence Committee and I should make every effort to reach agreement on "Agreed Activities" before turning the matter over to the NSC for resolution. He also asked for my present view of an acceptable agreement.

2. A draft of an agreement which would be acceptable to me is attached hereto.

3. This draft agreement takes cognizance of the Armed Services' functional need to conduct certain foreign espionage and counterespionage operations, and counterintelligence operations, and seeks to relate these to the Director of Central Intelligence, who has primary responsibility in the field of foreign clandestine activities for the United States Government, which must be responsive not only to the military agencies but also to other

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agencies and to the National Security Council.

4. Our mutual desire, I am sure, is to strengthen the resources which this Government can make available and which can be used in a practical manner for clandestine activities. This can be most effectively achieved, I believe, by implementation of the attached proposed DCID 5/1, which seeks to establish a framework for the systematic resolution of questions pertaining to the major problem as they arise in these relationships.

5. Your attention is called especially to the fact that the mechanism suggested herein is based in part upon the framework which the IAC established in IAC-D-28/1 for the coordination of requirements in the clandestine collection field. It appears that this arrangement has been most profitable and should be built upon, as suggested.

6. I would suggest that this document be discussed by us at an early date, and subsequently put before the IAC for its consideration at its meeting on 22 June. Whatever directive is finally issued should, it seems to me, be voted by the NSC. At the time of referral to the NSC, any unresolved questions could likewise be placed before them. I will insure that the directive will be supplied to my representative in the field and I would assume that field military commands would also be informed.

ALLEN W. BELLES
Director